

A
DECLARATION
OF THE
Lords and Commons

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,

For the raising of all power, and
force, as well Trained Bands as others, in sever-
all Counties of this Kingdom,

To lead against all Traitors and their Adherents, and
them to Arrest, and Imprison, and to fight with, kill, and
slay all such as shall oppose any of His Majesties lo-
ving Subjects that shall be employed in this
service by either or both Houses of
PARLIAMENT.

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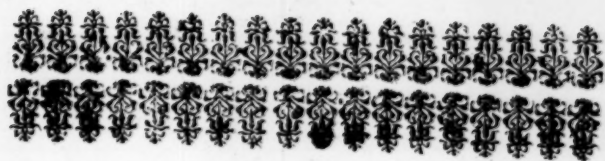
 Hereas certain Information is given
from severall parts of the Kingdom,
that divers Troops of horse are im-
ployed in sundry Counties of the
Kingdom, and that others have com-
mission to raise both horse and foot,
to compell his Majesties Subjects to submit to the
illegall Commission of Array, out of a Trayterous

intent to subvert the Libertie of the Subject, and the Law of the Kingdom, and for the better strengthening themselves in this wicked attempt, do joyn with the Popish and Jesuiticall faction to put the Kingdom into a combustion and civil War, by leavving forces against the Parliament, and by these forces to alter the Religion, and the ancient Government, and lawfull Libertie of the Kingdom, and to introduce Popery and Idolatry, together with an Arbitrary form of Government: And in pursuance thereof, have Trayterously, and Rebelliously, leavyed war against the King, and by force robb'd, spoild, and slain, divers of His Majesties good Subjects, travelling about their lawfull and necessary occasions, in the Kings protection according to Law, and namely that for the end and purpose aforesaid, The Earl of Northampton, the Lord Dunsmore, Lord Willoughby of Eresby, Son to the Earl of Linsey, Henry Hastings Esq: and divers other unknown Persons in the Counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, Warwick, Oxfordshire, and other places, the Marquesse of Hertford, the Lord Paulet, Lord Seymer, Sir John Stawell, Sir Ralph Hopton, John Digby Esq: and other their Accompllices, have gotten together great forces in the County of Sommerset. The Lords and Commons in Parliament, duly considering the great dangers which may ensue upon such their wicked and Trayterous designs; and if by this meanes the power of the sword should come into the hands of Papists and their Adherents, nothing can be expected but the miserable ruine and desolation

tion of the Kingdom, and the bloody massacre of the Protestants: They do Declare and Ordain, that it is, and shall be lawfull, for all His Majesties loving Subjects, by force of Arms to resist the said severall parties, and their Accomplises, and all other that shall raise or conduct any other forces for thē ends aforesaid, and that the Earl of *Essex* Lord Generall, with all his forces raised by the authority of Parliament: As likewise the Lord *Say*, Lieutenant of *Oxfordshire*, Earl of *Peterborough*, Lieutenant of *Northamptonshire*, Lord *Wharton*, Lieutenant of *Buckinghamshire*, Earl of *Stamford* Lieutenant of *Leicestershire*, Earl of *Pembroke* Lieutenant of *Wiltshire*, and *Hampshire*, Earl of *Bedford* Lieutenant of *Somersetshire* and *Devon*, Lord *Brook* Lieutenant of *Warwickshire*, the Lord *Cramborne* Lieutenant of *Dorsetshire*, the Lord *Villoughby* of *Parham* Lieutenant of *Lincolnshire*, and all those who are, or shall be appointed by Ordinance of both Houses, to performe the place of Deputy Lieutenants, and their Deputy Lieutenants respectively, *Densill Hollis* Esq: Lieutenant of the Citie and County of *Bristol*, and the Majors and Sheriffs of the Citie, and Deputy Lieutenants there, and all other Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Majors, Deputy Lieutenants, shall raise all their power and forces of their severall Counties, as well Trained Bands as others, and shall have power to conduct, and lead the said forces of the said Counties against the said traytors & their adherents, & with them to fight, kill and slay, all such as by force shall oppose them, and
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the Persons of the said Traytors, and their Adherents, and Accomplices, to arrest and imprison, and them to bring up to the Parliament, to answer this their Trayterous and Rebellious attempts according to Law, and the same or any other forces, to transport and conduct from one County to another, in ayd and assistance one of another, and of all others that shall joyne with the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the defence of the Religion of Almighty God, and of the Liberties and Peace of the Kingdom, and in pursuit of those wicked and Rebellious Traytors, their Conspirators, Ayders, and Abettors, and Adherents, requiring all Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Majors, Justices of Peace, and others His Majesties Officers and loving Subjects, to be ayding and assisting to one another in the Execution hereof, and for their so doing, all the parties above mentioned, and all others that shall joyne with them, shall be justified, defended, and secured, by the Power and Authority of Parliament.

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